

ADJOURNMENT FROM THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2016, TO MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2016

Mr. NUNES. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 3 p.m. on Monday, December 12, 2016.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

#### APPOINTMENT OF INDIVIDUAL TO THE COMMISSION ON INTERNATIONAL RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces the Speaker's appointment, pursuant to section 201(b) of the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 (22 U.S.C. 6431) and the order of the House of January 6, 2015, of the following individual on the part of the House to the Commission on International Religious Freedom for a term ending May 14, 2018:

Dr. Tenzin Dorjee, Fullerton, California, to succeed Ms. Hannah Rosenthal

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#### APPOINTMENT OF INDIVIDUAL TO THE NATIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON INSTITUTIONAL QUALITY AND INTEGRITY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces the Speaker's appointment, pursuant to 20 U.S.C. 1011c and the order of the House of January 6, 2015, of the following individual on the part of the House to the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity to fill the existing vacancy thereon:

Upon the recommendation of the majority leader:

Mr. Brian Jones, Washington, D.C.

#### COMMUNICATION FROM THE DEMOCRATIC LEADER

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable NANCY PELOSI, Democratic Leader:

DECEMBER 7, 2016.

Hon. PAUL D. RYAN,  
Speaker of the House, U.S. Capitol,  
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to section 4 of the Virgin Islands of the United States Centennial Commission Act (Pub. L. 114-224), I am pleased to appoint the following individual to the Virgin Islands of the United States Centennial Commission.

Ms. Stacey Plaskett of the United States Virgin Islands

Thank you for your consideration of this appointment.

Best regards,

NANCY PELOSI,  
Democratic Leader.

#### HONORING LIEUTENANT JOHN CAIN

(Mr. CARTER of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the

House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Lieutenant John Cain of the Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Police Department, who passed away on Sunday, December 4, after a hard-fought battle against pancreatic cancer.

Lieutenant Cain dedicated 27 years of his life to Savannah's police department, and most recently worked in the Southside Precinct. There, he was honored as the precinct's Supervisor of the Year for 2015. Because of his dedication, and all of his outstanding accomplishments for the police department, he was promoted to lieutenant in November before officially retiring.

Amongst all of his efforts to help the Savannah community, one clearly stands out in many people's minds. In 2015, Savannah newspapers published a photo of Lieutenant Cain helping a marathon runner, who had fallen about 200 yards from the finish line at the Rock 'n' Roll Marathon. Lieutenant Cain rushed to his side and helped him to cross the finish line. The runner was participating in the race in honor of his father, who had recently passed away of cancer, and desperately wanted to finish for him.

The runner said: "Lieutenant Cain meant a lot to me, and not just for helping me then. He was inspiring. He was a hero to me."

Lieutenant John Cain was inspiring to us all, and I urge everyone to learn from his great life.

#### FOREIGN CULTURAL EXCHANGE JURISDICTIONAL IMMUNITY CLARIFICATION ACT

Mr. GOODLATTE. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's table the bill (H.R. 6477) to amend chapter 97 of title 28, United States Code, to clarify the exception to foreign sovereign immunity set forth in section 1605(a)(3) of such title, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Virginia?

There was no objection.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 6477

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

#### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Foreign Cultural Exchange Jurisdictional Immunity Clarification Act".

#### SEC. 2. CLARIFICATION OF JURISDICTIONAL IMMUNITY OF FOREIGN STATES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1605 of title 28, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

"(h) JURISDICTIONAL IMMUNITY FOR CERTAIN ART EXHIBITION ACTIVITIES.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—If—

"(A) a work is imported into the United States from any foreign state pursuant to an agreement that provides for the temporary

exhibition or display of such work entered into between a foreign state that is the owner or custodian of such work and the United States or one or more cultural or educational institutions within the United States;

"(B) the President, or the President's designee, has determined, in accordance with subsection (a) of Public Law 89-259 (22 U.S.C. 2459(a)), that such work is of cultural significance and the temporary exhibition or display of such work is in the national interest; and

"(C) the notice thereof has been published in accordance with subsection (a) of Public Law 89-259 (22 U.S.C. 2459(a)), any activity in the United States of such foreign state, or of any carrier, that is associated with the temporary exhibition or display of such work shall not be considered to be commercial activity by such foreign state for purposes of subsection (a)(3).

#### "(2) EXCEPTIONS.—

"(A) NAZI-ERA CLAIMS.—Paragraph (1) shall not apply in any case asserting jurisdiction under subsection (a)(3) in which rights in property taken in violation of international law are in issue within the meaning of that subsection and—

"(i) the property at issue is the work described in paragraph (1);

"(ii) the action is based upon a claim that such work was taken in connection with the acts of a covered government during the covered period;

"(iii) the court determines that the activity associated with the exhibition or display is commercial activity, as that term is defined in section 1603(d); and

"(iv) a determination under clause (iii) is necessary for the court to exercise jurisdiction over the foreign state under subsection (a)(3).

"(B) OTHER CULTURALLY SIGNIFICANT WORKS.—In addition to cases exempted under subparagraph (A), paragraph (1) shall not apply in any case asserting jurisdiction under subsection (a)(3) in which rights in property taken in violation of international law are in issue within the meaning of that subsection and—

"(i) the property at issue is the work described in paragraph (1);

"(ii) the action is based upon a claim that such work was taken in connection with the acts of a foreign government as part of a systematic campaign of coercive confiscation or misappropriation of works from members of a targeted and vulnerable group;

"(iii) the taking occurred after 1900;

"(iv) the court determines that the activity associated with the exhibition or display is commercial activity, as that term is defined in section 1603(d); and

"(v) a determination under clause (iv) is necessary for the court to exercise jurisdiction over the foreign state under subsection (a)(3).

"(3) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this subsection—

"(A) the term 'work' means a work of art or other object of cultural significance;

"(B) the term 'covered government' means—

"(i) the Government of Germany during the covered period;

"(ii) any government in any area in Europe that was occupied by the military forces of the Government of Germany during the covered period;

"(iii) any government in Europe that was established with the assistance or cooperation of the Government of Germany during the covered period; and

"(iv) any government in Europe that was an ally of the Government of Germany during the covered period; and